

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
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Dear Mr. Secretary General:

We, the undersigned organizations, welcome you as the United Nations' eighth Secretary General and we look forward to working with you on the world's most pressing humanitarian crises and development challenges.

We thank you for your strong commitment to ending the ongoing violence in the Darfur region of Sudan. We are pleased with the appointment of Jan Eliasson as the Secretary General's Special Envoy for Darfur and appreciate your taking swift action to meet with the African Union's Special Envoy, Salim Ahmed Salim, and the African Union Commission President Alpha Oumar Konaré. We appreciate your plans to attend the African Union summit meeting at the end of January. We also commend you for the creation of the United Nations-wide Darfur Task Force.

We are writing to you today to ask you to ensure that President Bashir not be allowed to renege on his agreement to a hybrid AU/UN Peacekeeping force, and that pressure be maintained upon him to allow actual UN troops on the ground. Despite the encouraging arrival of 25 uniformed UN personnel in Darfur at the end of December, as well as Khartoum's tentative authorization of a hybrid 'operation', we remain concerned about the Sudanese Government's true intentions in Darfur. Just as it signed on to the Darfur Peace Agreement and began to flout its terms almost immediately, so the Government in Khartoum seems intent on ultimately rejecting this force comprised of African Union and UN peacekeeping soldiers. The size, composition and command of the force has not yet been determined, and in contradiction to President Bashir's 'acceptance' of such a force, Sudan's Ambassador to the UN, Abdalhaleem, strongly declared that the UN could supply logistical support staff but no UN troops would be allowed on the ground in Darfur.

Mr. Secretary-General, Khartoum is once again playing games with the international community with respect to Darfur, seemingly agreeing to the terms and conditions of UN Resolutions and agreements with no intention of abiding by them. While military advisors, logistical support and materiel are critical to the success of a hybrid mission, so is the deployment of UN peacekeeping soldiers.

We believe that the alarming security situation on the ground demands the immediate deployment of a robust force of at least 17,300 troops, 3,300 civilian police and 16

additional police units as called for in Resolution 1706. It is incumbent upon you to ensure that appropriately equipped and trained forces are immediately deployed to reinforce the AU troops currently in Darfur, bringing the force-level closer to the goal mentioned above. Additionally, you should exert pressure on donor nations to provide further funds to the AU force and aid in its expansion.

Sincerely,

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